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## BLAKE RECEIVES NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE CAREER SERVICE AWARD

John F. Blake, a senior official of the Central Intelligence Agency, has been selected as a recipient of this year's National Civil Service League Career Service Award. The National Civil Service League Award is awarded annually to ten public servants for efficiency, quality and economy in government management.

Mr. Blake has had a 35 year career in intelligence. He graduated in 1943 from the University of San Francisco, and attended the National War College in 1963, and has an M.A. degree from the George Washington University. As an army officer in World War II he served in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the wartime predecessor of the CIA. He joined the CIA when it was formed in 1947 and is the senior ranking career officer of the Agency.

Currently the CIA's Deputy Director for Administration, Mr. Blake is one of a very few career CIA officers who has served in senior positions in each of the Agency's major components and in both domestic and overseas locations.

Mr. Blake has long been recognized as an expert practitioner in the field of administration. In his nominating statement, the Director of Central Intelligence, Admiral Stansfield Turner, calls Blake a "shining

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example for all who aspire to leadership roles as professional administrators in CIA and throughout the Intelligence Community." Admiral Turner also refers to Mr. Blake's significant contribution as acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence from July 1977 until February 1978, stating that "his native versatility, dedication and acuity when combined with his broad experience and distinguished service in all major functional areas of the Agency produced an exemplary example of leadership which sustained the Agency through a trying interim period." For his service during this period, Mr. Blake received his second Distinguished Intelligence Medal, the Agency's highest award for performance of outstanding service.

Mr. Blake was born in San Francisco, California. He is married to the former Frances Foley of San Mateo, California. They are the parents of five daughters and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

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